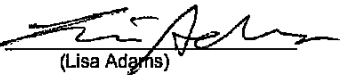


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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Applicant has not submitted a copy of this U.S. reference as required by 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i), amended October 2004, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has waived this requirement for all U.S. patent applications. It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed reference.

Applicant also calls the Examiner's attention to the following co-pending application, the prosecution of which may be relevant to the pending application:

- U.S. Application No. 10/664,575, entitled "Drill Guide With Alignment Feature," filed on September 17, 2003


Enclosed is a copy of the Form SB/08 filed on October 6, 2004 citing the above references (Attorney Docket No. 101896-208, U.S. Serial No. 10/664,575). Applicant respectfully requests Examiner to review these references and acknowledge receipt of these references by initialing the Form SB/08 and returning a copy to Applicant.

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